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National Committee on Trade Facilitation
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Committee on Trade Facilitation is expected to institutionalise the coordination mechanism in such a manner that more than 35 departments, private players and State Governments who have international border are on the same page so far as trade facilitation is concerned;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has launched a dashboard on exim analytics to provide easier access to data for meaningful analysis of the country''s trade performance and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the dashboard uses the merchandise trade data being provided by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics; and

(e) if so,the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) The Trade Facilitation Agreement of WTO provides for constitution of the National Committee on Trade Facilitation (NCTF) by member countries for domestic coordination and implementation of the provisions of this Agreement. Government of India on 17th February, 2016approved the constitution of the NCTF under the Chairmanship of the Cabinet Secretary.

(b) It is proposed to include all stakeholder Ministries/Departments/Agencies, private player and concerned State Governments as members of the committee.
In order to optimize productivity and effectiveness, a 3-tiered structure consisting of National Committee, Steering Committee and Ad-hoc Working has been envisaged for the Committee.

(c) The 'Exim Analytics' dashboard was launched on 3rd May 2016 to provide free and easy access of trade related Export-Import information to the general public. The portal will facilitate the general public to have an accurate perspective on the trade performance of India providing value of export/import in US Dollar (USD) or in Indian Rupee (INR) in 2, 4, 6 and 8 digits of Harmonized System of Nomenclature (HSN). The dashboard also provides details / trends of Exports/Importsacross commodities and regions and Balance of Trade.The Balance of Trade (BOT) can be analysed over time periods for different Regions, Countries and Ports.

(d) & (e) Yes, the dashboard is based on the merchandise trade data compiled by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics. The data for analysis is presented as a month's aggregate at the level of country, commodity, port etc.
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